

Monday, November 9, 2020

Dear FCA Families,

We are very grateful to be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks of schools and to have had no large scale interruptions thus far as a result of COVID-19. When we started the year we were uncertain about what to expect, and we are very thankful that we have been able to remain open full time allowing our students to come to school every day.

We applaud the entire FCA community for pulling together in adherence to the guidelines set forth by the state and the Ohio Department of Education. Because we are closely following the suggested protocols, we have been able to remain open to serve your children. Thank you!

We are asking everyone to remain diligent as we enter into a crucial time in the coming weeks and months. ***Our primary goals are student and staff safety and remaining open to serve you and your children.*** Fairfield County recently went from yellow to red\* in the statewide alert system. This means there is a mask mandate in place and there are very high levels of exposure and spread throughout the county.

We are asking that all families keep this information in mind as they make holiday plans and determine which events you will or will not allow your children to attend. So far, no positive cases have been traced to FCA or FCA school sponsored events, so your cooperation in being selective about the events your children attend outside of school is very important. We have been informed of several planned non-FCA student events and we are asking parents to please refrain from allowing your children to attend such events; these types of parties and gatherings are often the ones that put students at risk for exposure and spread. These decisions could have significant impact on our school.

Although we have contingency plans in place to continue to serve our students in the event of a mandatory closure, it would be quite a testament if we were able to remain open all year despite the odds. ***Please help us to remain open to serve your needs.*** The FCA Knights' Pledge is attached; please take a moment to review it.

With sincere thanks,

Craig Carpenter, Superintendent

\*Public Emergency Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/>